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Amendments to the Claims (As Amended to Incorporate the Article 34 Amendments):

Please substitute pages 10-12 as originally filed with the attached amended pages 10-12.

These new pages incorporate revisions to the international PCT application which were modified

under Article 34. Then,

Before claim 1 on amended page 10 insert -- We claim:--

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the

application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A percussion and/or drill hammer, havingcomprising:

- a hammer housing (2)-in which at least a part of a drive mechanism (5)- and a percussion

mechanism (6) are situated,

- a handle device (1) that is capable of movement relative to the hammer housing (2) in a

working direction (A), and on which at least one handle (3) is provided, and having

- a guide device (7)-for the linear guiding of the handle device (1)-relative to the hammer housing

(2)

eharacterized in that wherein the guide device (7) has a rolling element device (8) that is

effective between the hammer housing (2) and the handle device (1), in which minimum friction

values can be achieved that permit a good relative movement between the handle device (1) and

the hammer housing (2).

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2. (Currently Amended) The percussion and/or drill hammer as recited in Claim 1, characterized in that wherein the guide device (7)-is provided laterally on the hammer housing (2), in relation to the working direction (A).

- 3. (Currently Amended) The percussion and/or drill hammer as recited in Claim 1-or-2, **characterized in that**wherein
- the handle device (1) surrounds the hammer housing (2) at a distance, so that an intermediate space is formed, and in that
- the guide device (7)-is situated in the intermediate space between the hammer housing (2)-and the handle device (1).
- 4. (Currently Amended) The percussion and/or drill hammer as recited in one of Claim[s] 1 to 3,

 characterized in that wherein the rolling element device (8) ensures a defined spring

 characteristic transverse to the working direction (A) in such a way that the handle device (1) is

 capable of movement relative to the hammer housing (2) transverse to the working direction (A).
- 5. (Currently Amended) The percussion and/or drill hammer as recited in one of Claim[s] 1 to 4, characterized in that wherein the rolling element device (8) has rolling elements (9) that are fastened to the handle device (1) so as to be capable of rotation, and to which guide tracks (12) provided on the outside of the hammer housing (2) are allocated, or that are fastened to the hammer housing (2) so as to be capable of rotation and to which guide tracks (12) provided on the inside of the handle device (1).

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6. (Currently Amended) The percussion and/or drill hammer as recited in Claim 5,

characterized in that wherein the roller elements (9) are each held against the guide tracks (12)

with a defined force by a spring device or by the elastic effect of the handle device (1).

7. (Currently Amended) The percussion and/or drill hammer as recited in Claim 5-or 6,

characterized in that wherein the rolling elements (8, 9) have a defined spring characteristic,

and thus a deformability in their radial direction.

8. (Currently Amended) The percussion and/or drill hammer as recited in one of Claim[s] 1

to 7, characterized in that wherein a longitudinal spring device (13) is provided that acts in the

working direction (A) between the hammer housing (2) and the handle device (1).

9. (Currently Amended) The percussion and/or drill hammer as recited in one of Claim[s] 1

to 8, characterized in that wherein the extension of the hammer housing (2) in the working

direction (A) is greater than in a direction transverse to the working direction (A).

10. (Currently Amended) The percussion and/or drill hammer as recited in one of Claim[s] 1

to 9, characterized in that wherein at least in a partial area of the housing (6) extending in the

working direction (A), the hammer housing (2)-has an outer cross-sectional shape that does not

change.

11. (Currently Amended) The percussion and/or drill hammer as recited in Claim[s] 5-and

10, characterized in that wherein the guide tracks (12) are provided in the partial area of the

housing (6).

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12. (Currently Amended) The percussion and/or drill hammer as recited in one of Claim[s] 10 or 11, characterized in that wherein the percussion mechanism is situated in the partial area

of the housing (6).

13. (Currently Amended) The percussion and/or drill hammer as recited in one of Claim[s]

10-to-12, characterized in that wherein the outer cross-sectional shape corresponds essentially to

a prismatic shape, and in that at least one of the rolling elements (9)-grasps an edge of the

prismatic shape.

14. (Currently Amended) The percussion and/or drill hammer as recited in one of Claim[s] 1

to 13, characterized in that wherein the handle device is fashioned as a handle cover (1) that

surrounds at least a part of the hammer housing (2).

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